

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the times."

The Culpeper Advance says that last week Mr. Robert Keel took from his show case a new pistol to exhibit to a customer, and whilst manipulating the hammer and trigger with the muzzle against the first joint of his left hand, it fired, lacerating his hand. The pistol never having been used, the wonder is how it happened to be loaded.

In Cecil county, Md., where ague and fever is one of the semi-annual visitants, salt and water drunk at breakfast for three successive mornings is regarded as an unfailing cure for the most stubborn cases.

The President having accepted an invitation to attend the State Fair at Frederick, Md., will probably leave Washington to-morrow, attended by Generals Dent and Babcock. He will return on Saturday.

It is published that Roger D. Beckley of this place and others are to make political speeches at different points in Loudoun county, previous to the coming election.

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

General Newberry and other architects recommend an examination of the southeastern corner of the capitol at Richmond. Three of the joists of the library floor do not rest upon the wall, their ends having been burnt off by one of the fires which have taken place in the capitol. No danger of a break down is at present apprehended.

The commissioners appointed to consider the practicability of the removal of the penitentiary at Richmond recommend its removal, and suggest Belknap Arsenal and several islands in the James river as suitable sites. They value the present buildings at \$25,000.

Professor Campbell of Washington College is engaged in collecting statistics of the great storm which prevailed on the 28th and 29th of September.

## The Elections.

PENNSYLVANIA.—The Radicals of Pennsylvania have carried the State. The delegation in Congress will probably stand at the present 15 Radicals and 5 Democrats. The Radical majority in Philadelphia is near 5,000.

OHIO.—The average Radical majority is estimated at 10 to 15,000, six Radical members are known to be elected, and there are others.

INDIANA.—We have returns from but one district in Indiana, and that, the 9th, where J. P. C. Shanks (Radical) has been reelected. A telegraphic dispatch states that 5 Democrats and 5 Radicals are elected.

FROM IOWA.—We have returns from but one district, the 3d, where W. G. Dorman, Radical, is elected.

We have no returns from Nebraska.

The total number of Congressmen elected yesterday was 61. Of this number the Radicals had 45 and the Democrats 16 in Congress. The Washington Chronicle says, the Radicals have a least elected the delegation from the States voting yesterday which they now have in Congress.

The above is the substance of the news received this morning. We have omitted details, as the dispatches to day may bring further returns.

## VIRGINIA'S SHIPPING INTEREST.

We trust the Legislature will not adjourn without making some effort in the direction of rescuing the shipping interests of Virginia. With magnificent harbors, inviting sea going vessels; navigable rivers admitting coasters; a people trained from infancy to make the water their home, as fishermen or oystermen; oyster beds, the product of which is sought in every Atlantic State North of the Chesapeake; the registered sea-going tonnage of Virginia is actually less than in colonial times. Now, would not the State be benefited by paying a bounty of \$2 per ton to the owners of every vessel engaged in the oyster-carrying trade, built, owned and manned by Virginians? or, if no constitutional objection existed, exempting from taxation, for a term of years, every vessel built within, and standing on custom-house register as the property of resident citizens of this State? Had the freight paid for transportation of oyster wood since 1865 been earned by Virginia bottoms, the State would have been richer by many hundred thousand dollars; not to take into account the expenditures for ships, stores, repairs and general outfit. Every little creek on the Maryland shore of the Chesapeake Bay, has its coasting marine, while the Potomac, James, Rappahannock, and many other navigable streams, bestowed by a bountiful Providence upon the Old Dominion, bear upon their broad bosom only craft, owned and sailed by the more energetic citizens of States less favored by nature. Let us see if any remedy can be found, and it found, promptly apply it.—*Richmond State Journal.*

WHY LACE IS COSTLY.—Many people wonder why what is termed real lace—aslace made by hand is called, to distinguish it from that made by machine, which is called imitation—is so costly. The following paragraph from a foreign exchange explains the reason: "The manufacture of lace is carried to its highest perfection in Belgium. The finest specimen of Brussels lace is so complicated as to require the labor of seven persons on one piece, and each operative is employed at distinct features of the work. The thread used is of exquisite fineness, which is spun in dark underground rooms, where it is sufficiently moist to prevent the thread from separating. It is so delicate as scarcely to be seen, and the room is so arranged that all the light admitted shall fall upon the work. It is such material that renders the genuine Brussels ground so costly. On a piece of Valenciennes not two inches wide, from 200 to 300 bobbins are sometimes used, and for the larger widths as many as 800, on the same pillow. The most valuable Valenciennes is determined by the number of times the bobbins have been twisted in making the ground; the more frequent the twists the clearer and more beautiful will be the lace. Belgium annually sells of this lace alone to the value of over \$4,000,000. Chantilly lace is always black, and is used chiefly for veils and flounces. It is very fine, and is extensively worn. Mechlin lace is made at Mechlin, Antwerp, and other localities."

A HARD STORY.—Out on the Pacific railroad, the other day, (says an exchange), a Kickapoo Indian saw a locomotive coming down the track toward him at the rate of 40 miles an hour. He thought it was an imported breed of buffalo, and was anxious to secure it, so as to take the prize to the annual exhibition of the Kickapoo Agricultural Society. So he followed the engine not near enough he threw the locomotive off the track. The engineer and fireman witnessed the most successful attempt to do the flying tripe made by any Kickapoo Indian upon the plains since the first of last January. There was an aboriginal funeral at the next station when the engine arrived. The grave was not large for only buried a small piece of copper-colored meat tied to a string and enclosed in a sardine box.

ADVICE.—"Fight the straight fight with political friend and foe. Never desert the friend; never recognize the foe."

"Recognize the established rights of the colored people: acknowledge them, defend them. Promise them nothing though, that you are not prepared to carry out."—Gov. Vance, of N. C.

Four deaths from yellow fever in New Orleans yesterday.

## Letter from Richmond.

[Correspondence from the Alexandria Gazette.]  
RICHMOND, Oct. 11.—In the Senate to day the House bill to provide artificial legs for the citizens of the State who were thus disabled during the late war, and are unable to procure them, was passed.

The House bill to amend the code in reference to violations of the Revenue Laws—enlarging the scope of the law—was passed.

The House resolution in relation to repudiation of public and private debts was tabled.

The House bill for the prevention of prize fighting within the State was passed.

The Committee of Courts of Justice reported that in consequence of the failure of the Governor to veto the bill to incorporate the James River Bridge Company, within five days after its presentation, it has become a law. This decision of the committee will not effect the bills to which the Governor made objection, but which were not objected to within the five days.

The House bill imposing a fine of \$50, (half to the informant) and imprisonment for not more than twelve months for carrying concealed weapons was passed.

A bill authorizing subscriptions on the part of certain counties and towns to the stock of the Atlantic & Allegheny Railroad Company was referred.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company was held at the office of the company, in this city, to-day, at which a resolution was passed authorizing a loan of \$300,000 for the purpose of building a branch road from a point near Brooke's Station a distance of about ten miles, to connect with the Alexandria & Fredericksburg Railroad, at or near Quantico, on the Potomac river. Both roads are now under contract.

The Governor to day sent to the House of Delegates a communication enclosing a correspondence between the Governor of Maryland and himself in relation to the "oyster war" on the Eastern shore. Gov. Walker intimates his readiness to appoint commissioners to adjust the boundary between the two States, whereby all future difficulty can be avoided, and urges upon Gov. Bowie that commissioners for Maryland be at once named.

A bill directing the Board of Public Works to sell to the Orange, Alexandria & Manassas Railroad Company the stock of the State in said company and authorizing the said company to buy the same, was referred.

A bill to amend the code in reference to indemnifying bonds was referred.

A petition for the relief of J. C. Robertson, late Sheriff of Page county, was presented.

A resolution was introduced inquiring into the expediency of reorganizing the militia.

A resolution requesting the Adjutant General to report the present status of the militia, under the act of March 1866 and what further legislation is needed to conform the organization to the constitution, and also to report what arms, if any, the State is possessed of, and whether arms are due to it from any source, was referred.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections were instructed to report, what if any amendments, are necessary to the general election law, to prevent fraud and irregularity, and to define more clearly the powers of the Court in cases of contest &c.

A resolution of enquiry as to the effect of the action of the Governor in refusing to sign the bill incorporating the Rockingham Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was passed.

Bills were introduced incorporating the Norfolk and Portsmouth Warehouse Company; incorporating the Culpeper and Madison Turnpike Company; authorizing the registration and correction of the registration lists by striking off the names of such persons as have died or removed from their districts; incorporating the Wilderness, Culpeper and Valley Railroad.

In the House of Delegates bills were reported to amend the code in relation to the Court of Appeals; in relation to grand jurors, to relieve from taxes for the present year the people of the counties devastated by the late flood, for the protection of bass fish in the Shenandoah and its tributaries and protecting the oyster beds in the waters of the Commonwealth.

A bill was presented to amend the act prescribing the duties and compensation of county officers.

The Committee on Finance were instructed to report a joint resolution in substance as follows:—Whereas the State of West Virginia was separated from this State, without the people of this State having an opportunity to take action thereon, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution of the U. S.; therefore be it resolved, that we do hereby give notice to the creditors of this State, both foreign and domestic, that the State of Virginia holds herself responsible, for only two thirds of the debt due by the State of Virginia in 1860, believing that she is not bound, either morally or legally for a greater proportion of the public debt; as by that act of separation at least one third of her territory, area and value considered, was placed beyond her control.

The bill authorizing the Board of Public Works to sell the State Armory buildings &c., was considered but no definite action taken on it.

Bills were introduced, declaring the Shenandoah river a lawful fence in certain localities, to protect citizens of the State in the enjoyment of civil rights; enquiring into the expediency of allowing pay and mileage to county judges holding terms on parts of terms in counties other than their own; into the expediency of amending the laws in relation to the jurisdiction of circuit judges in leasing the lands of infants and insane persons; amending the Homestead act; in relation to the maintenance of illegitimate children; looking to the amendment of the election laws so as to expedite the method of purging the list of registered voters; to require constables to attend the meetings of Boards of Supervisors.

The House bill chartering the town of Front Royal was passed.

The Governor sent to the Legislature to day a communication from the company owners appointed to adjust the public debt of West Virginia, together with the correspondence in relation thereto with the Governor of that State, in which he says the commission on the part of West Virginia has not yet been filed. In other words nothing has been done.

J. W. G. Smith was to day elected city Judge of the town of Staunton, over Joseph A. Waddell, the Senator from Augusta. The vote was for Smith 68—Waddell 54. The Radicals all voted for Mr. Smith.

The difficulty between Messrs. J. P. Barbours, editor of the Enquirer, and J. W. Walker, delegate from Madison county, occasioned by an assault by the latter upon the former in the Central cars on Saturday last, terminated last night in a challenge by the latter which the latter declined upon the ground that an acceptance would under the present constitution disfranchise him.

A dispatch from Washington, dated yesterday, says:—The Postmaster at New York having said the Postmaster General "whether he should dispatch mails to Europe by the Ham"urg steamer, which leaves New York to-day, the Postmaster General replied that he considers it unsafe and inexpedient to send mails by German steamers at present, on account of their liability to capture by French cruisers."

Isaac C. Felig, Secretary of the Buckeye Insurance Company of Philadelphia has been discovered a defaulter in the amount of \$11,000.

## CITY COUNCIL.

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held Oct. 11, 1870, there were present: W. H. Marbury, esq., President, and Messrs. Markell, Simpson, and Sutter. The Mayor presiding.

The Committee on Finance reported adversely on the petition of A. Metzger, Jos. Kaufman and S. Dealham, asking to have refunded their license tax, all of which were adopted.

The Committee on Claims reported adversely on the petition of Mrs. S. A. Tubman, for the services rendered to the city of Alexandria, also on the petition of Wm. Bushby for making clothes for paupers, \$47.25; also on the communication of the Mayor asking for an appropriation of \$215.09 to pay special policemen; also favorably on the petition of Geo. E. Wain, for Wm. C. Milburn, \$56.25, for registration purposes, and a petition of A. Dwyer for reduction of assessment, all of which were adopted; also in favor of paying Geo. W. Clifford, \$50, for expenses of the quo warranto, which was laid on the table.

A petition of B. F. Young to have the curb raised, and the gutter paved in front of his residence, was granted.

A bill of J. Tacey, for making copy of land books for research, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill of J. Tacey, for \$38.97, for medicine furnished the poor, was ordered to be paid.

A communication from the Mayor in regard to the sewers on the corner of King and Pitt streets, was referred to the Committee on Streets; also a communication from the Mayor in regard to sheep, swine, &c., was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

Petitions of M. Smith and others, Conney & Bro., W. F. Carre, Lee & Bro., N. Hodgkin and E. H. Bell, were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

A bill of T. N. Carter, for \$3 for surveying, was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

An act entitled "an act to establish a chain gang in and for the city of Alexandria," was received from the Common Council and their action concurred in, and the act referred to the Committee on General Laws.

Bills of J. T. Creighton, \$25.50, for articles furnished, and E. A. Addison, \$51, for registration purposes, were received from the Common Council and their action concurred in.

A petition of S. W. Kinard, for refund of reduction of assessment, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A communication from the Mayor in regard to the purchase of wood was received from the Common Council, and was referred to the Committee on the Poor, with power to appropriate \$300 for the purposes specified, was amended so as to read for the purchase of wood. The Board then adjourned.

Teste: J. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

## COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council, held October 11, 1870, there were present: John B. Smoot, esq., President, and Messrs. Shinn, Wheat, Moore, Neale, Waterman, Lawson, Wedderburn, Harrison, Price, Fortner, Beale, and Parker.

An account of A. E. Addison for \$51, for registration and election services, was ordered to be paid.

A bill of John T. Creighton & Son for \$25.57, for articles furnished, Geo. W. Clifford, Superintendent of the streets, was referred to the Committee on General Laws.

A petition of Robert Hodgkin for correction of assessment on property, No. 98 Queen street, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A bill of T. N. Carter for services as Surveyor, amounting to \$3, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A petition of Lee & Bro., for the grading of that part of Water street binding on the lot adjoining their mill, was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition of Michael Smith and others for curbing and guttering Queen street, between Patrick and Henry, was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power to act.

It was ordered, that the Auditor issue his warrant for \$10 in favor of E. H. Bell, for taking care of the City of Alexandria.

A petition of Conney & Bro., for a flagging across Cameron street between Fairfax and Royal, was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power to have the work done.

A communication from the Mayor calling attention to the necessity of making some preparation for providing fuel for the poor of the city during the coming winter, and suggesting that some one be authorized to purchase a supply of wood and that the City at the gas house be placed at the disposal of proper distributing officers, was referred to the Committee on the Poor, with authority to appropriate \$300 for the purposes indicated.

A communication from the Mayor was read informing the Council of the resignation of policemen John Drown and John H. Sipple.

A petition of W. F. Carre for the usual order with reference to resetting the curb stones and laying the gutter in front of his premises, 61 Queen street, was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power to act.

A list of the persons who have been convicted since July 11, 1870, by the Corporation Court of misdemeanors, and sentenced to confinement in the jail, prepared by Morton Mayes, Clerk of the Court, in obedience to an order of the Court, was read.

An act entitled "an act to establish a chain gang in and for the city of Alexandria," was read the third time, the 25th rule suspended and passed.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in granting a petition of Benjamin Young for the repairing of the curbing in front of his residence on Queen street between Fairfax and Royal, was concurred in.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the report of the Committee on Claims, recommending the payment of a bill of W. L. Milburn for \$56.25, for registration and election purposes, was concurred in.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the report of the Committee on Claims, recommending the payment of a bill of Wm. Bushby, amounting to \$47.25, was concurred in.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the report of the Committee on Claims, recommending the payment of nine dollars to George E. Wain, for use of tool house, was concurred in.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the report of the Committee on Claims, adverse to the petition of Mrs. S. A. Tubman, for the services rendered to the city of Alexandria, was concurred in.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in adopting the report of the Committee on Finance, disapproving the claim of Mrs. S. A. Tubman, for the services rendered to the city of Alexandria, was concurred in.

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\$800 for the purchase of wood, was concurred in. On motion of Mr. Wheat, it was resolved by the Common Council, the Board of Aldermen concurring, that the policemen be and are hereby required to uniform in thirty days from this time, and that in case of failure to do so, their places be declared vacant.

The following resolution introduced by Mr. Massey, that three members of this Board, to-wit: Messrs. Shinn, Wheat, and Moore, be appointed a proxy to represent the stock of the city of Alexandria, in the O. A. & M. R. R., in the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the same, was laid on the table till the next regular meeting of the Council.

A resolution authorizing the appointment of two members of the Common Council and one of the Board of Aldermen as a committee to ascertain the cost of revising, codifying and publishing in book form the laws of the Corporation, was adopted, and Messrs. Shinn and Wedderburn appointed as the members of committee from this Board.

The report of the Committee on Streets, recommending the removal of pump and repairing of gutter on the corner of Duke and St. Asaph streets, was amended by granting the prayer of the petitioners, Cowling and brother, so far as repairing the curb stones and repairing the gutter was concerned, but directing the repair of the pump when repairs were necessary.

The Committee on Streets reported that the work authorized by them to be done by the Washington Union Telegraph Company had been executed, and their report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Streets adverse to the petition of Thomas Lanon, for the refunding of cost of resetting curb stones, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Streets, recommending the granting of the petition of Benjamin Smith, for culverts at the intersection of Fairfax and Gibson streets, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Streets, recommending the granting of the petition of A. C. Butler, for repairs to gutter in front of his premises on Columbus street, between Duke and Wolfe, was adopted.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in referring to the Committee on Claims, a petition of Susan Kinlow and heirs, for the reduction of assessment, was concurred in.

The action of the Board of Aldermen in referring the act, entitled an act to establish a chain gang in the city of Alexandria, passed by the Common Council, to the Committee on General Laws, was concurred in.

The Board then adjourned.

Teste: HAROLD SNOWDEN, CLK.

## COMMERCIAL.

ALEXANDRIA MARKET, OCTOBER 12.

WHEAT, Superfine..... \$6 00 @ 6 25

Extra..... 5 75 @ 6 25

Family..... 7 00 @ 8 00

Family choice..... 8 00 @ 8 50

WHEAT, White choice..... 1 45 @ 1 60

Good to prime..... 1 40 @ 1 45

Red, choice..... 1 40 @ 1 45

Good to prime..... 1 40 @ 1 45

Common to fair..... 1 15 @ 1 25

CORN, White..... 0 93 @ 0 95

Mixed..... 0 92 @ 0 95

Yellow..... 0 90 @ 0 95

OATS..... 0 70 @ 0 85

RYE..... 0 40 @ 0 45

BUTTER, prime..... 0 30 @ 0 33

Common to middling..... 0 28 @ 0 35

EGGS..... 0 25 @ 0 26

CHICKENS, per dozen..... 8 00 @ 8 25

WASHED POTATOES..... 1 00 @ 1 25

LARD..... 0 18 @ 0 19

ONIONS, weight..... 1 50 @ 1 75

TIMOTHY SEED..... 4 75 @ 5 00

BACON, hams, sugar-cured..... 0 25 @ 0 28

Sides..... 0 17 @ 0 18

GREEN APPLES, per bush..... 1 10 @ 1 15

PLASTER, Ground, per ton of 2000 pounds..... 6 50 @ 0 00

Ground..... 8 25 @ 8 50

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LARD..... 4 50 @ 5 00

SALT, (Gd. Alum) (Liverpool) 1 50 @ 1 70

Liverpool..... 2 30 @ 2 60

Turk's Island nominal..... 0 45 @ 0 50

Wool, Common unwashed..... 0 28 @ 0 30

Washed..... 0 28 @ 0 30

Merino, unwashed..... 0 28 @ 0 30

Merino, washed..... 0 40 @ 0 45

BEANS, White..... 0 00 @ 1 00

MAC'N 100 lbs..... 1 00 @ 1 75

MAC'N 50 lbs..... 1 00 @ 1 75

PERUVIAN GUANO..... 75 00 @ 78 00

REMARKS.—The market for Flour is unchanged; Extras and Supers are in fair request, while Family is dull and almost neglected. Wheat is steady; offerings of 964 bushels red, with sales at 12c and 14c; small offerings of white, but no sales reported. Corn is unchanged; offerings of 678 bushels mixed and 182 of yellow, with sales of the former at 9c. Rye is in light receipt; no sales reported. Oats are firm; offerings of 608 bushels, with sales at 40c, 45 and 46—latter figures for very choice samples. Butter and Eggs are unchanged.

## MARINE LIST.

SUN ROSE..... 6 00 @ 6 25

SUN SETS..... 6 25 @ 6 50

MOON SETS..... 7 34 @ 7 50

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, OCTOBER 12.

ARRIVED.

Scho'r Annie Virginia, Lewis, Havre de Grace,

coast to W. A. Smoot.

SAILED.

Steamer Columbia, Harper, Baltimore, by B

Wheat.

MEMORANDA.

Schr Wild Pigeon, Phillips, hence at Providence 9th instant.

Schr H. L. Slaght, Willits